

[25th January 1928]

Government management of taluk headquarters hospitals.

* 1477 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have taken over the management of taluk headquarters hospitals for which purpose a supplementary demand for four lakhs of rupees has been passed in October last;

(b) if not, why not; and

(c) if so, when and how many?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The supplementary demand referred to was not moved in the Legislative Council in October 1927. The points raised by the hon. Member in the question do not therefore arise.

Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDI:—“ May I know when the Minister for Public Health proposes to take charge of Taluk Headquarters Hospitals ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—“ We are making budget provisions and intend taking over 95 institutions.”

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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**Legislative**

Reservation of a seat in the Legislative Council for a Railway official.

1478 Q.—M. ABDUL WAHAB SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state why a seat in the Council is not reserved as in Pre-Reform days for a Railway official on behalf of the two biggest railways running in Southern India ?

A.—There is no provision in the Madras Electoral Rules reserving a seat for a Railway official.

Police

Alleged obstruction of traffic in South Kanara during His Excellency the Governor's visit.

1479 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there was obstruction of traffic by the police along certain public roads in South Kanara by which His Excellency the Governor was to pass or was expected to pass during his tour in South Kanara from 10th to 15th October 1927 for more than an hour and even for hours before His Excellency was expected to pass along those roads;

(b) under what authority such obstruction was carried out;

(c) the number of police employed for keeping order for a distance of about 65 miles along which His Excellency passed on the 10th October 1927 in the town of Mangalore and for about 30 miles from Mangalore to Karkal respectively; and what the extra cost involved thereby was; and